

Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A water craft having a keel mounted to the underside of the craft, ~~characterised in that the keel comprises comprising~~ an elongate member having at least one mounting formation for cooperative engagement with at least one corresponding mounting formation on the underside of the water craft, for removably mounting the elongate member on the water craft wherein the keel is vertically compressible.

2. (Original) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member is an extrusion.

3. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member is flexible.

4. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member is adapted for sliding engagement with the at least one corresponding mounting formation on the underside of the water craft.

5. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one formation on the elongate member has a profile adapted for complementary engagement with the at least one corresponding mounting formation on the underside of the water craft.

6. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one corresponding mounting formation is provided in a mounting member mounted to the underside of the water craft.

7. (Original) A water craft as claimed in claim 6, in which the mounting member is an extrusion.

8. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 6, in

which the mounting member is made from extruded aluminium.

9. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the water craft has a hull and the keel is removably mounted to the hull.

10. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 6 in which the water craft has a hull and the keel is removably mounted to the hull and in which the hull is a moulding having a channel formation and the mounting member is located in the channel.

11. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the water craft is an amphibious vehicle.

12. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate member is made from extruded rubber or synthetic rubber.

13. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1 in which the keel further comprises a tip member located adjacent a forward end of the elongate member.

14. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one corresponding mounting formation is a re-entrant channel into which a formation on the elongate member is slidably received.

15. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member has an elongate, longitudinal cavity.

16. (Original) A water craft as claimed in claim 15, in which the elongate member is adapted to be inflated, using either water or gas, to vary its profile.

17. (Original) A water craft as claimed in claim 15, in which the

cavity is filled with a foam material.

18. (Currently Amended) An amphibious vehicle having a hull and a keel mounted to the hull, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the keel comprises an elongate extruded member having at least one mounting formation for cooperation with at least one corresponding formation on an extruded mounting member attached to the hull, for removably securing the elongate member to the hull and wherein the keel is vertically compressible.

19. (Original) An amphibious vehicle as claimed in claim 18, in which the at least one corresponding formation is a re-entrant channel into which a formation on the elongate member is slidably received.

20. (Original) An amphibious vehicle as claimed in claim 19, in which the channel is open at one end and the keel further comprises a tip member attached to the hull adjacent the open end to prevent the elongate member from being withdrawn from the channel in use.

21. (Original) An amphibious vehicle as claimed in claim 20, in which a metal cap member is provided over the tip member.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) A water craft as claimed in claim 6, in which the water craft has a hull and the keel is removably mounted to the hull.

24. (New) A water craft claimed in claim 9, in which the hull is a moulding having a channel formation and the mounting member is located in the channel.